

**a-**

**ab-**

**abs-**

**ac-**

**ab-**

(chameleon prefix: from, away)

abbreviate	abhor
abnormal	abrupt
abject	absolute
absolve	absorb

**a-**

(in, on, into, at)

aback	aboard
abloom	above
adrift	amiss
amid	asleep
amuse	among
avail	alive
abed	ashore

**ac-**(chameleon form of "ad-")  
(to, toward)

(shwa)	/ak/
acclaim	accrue
accost	acquit
accord	
accomplish	
	accent
	accept
	accede
	accident
	accurate

**abs-**(chameleon form of "ab-")  
(from, away)

abscess	abscond
abstention	abstract

**ad-**

**ag-**

**al-**

**ambi-**

**ag-**

(chameleon form of "ad-")  
(to, toward)

aggrandize	aggression
agglomerate	aggressive
agglutinate	

**ad-**

(chameleon prefix)  
(to, toward)

adventure	addendum
admonish	administer
advice	adhere
admit	advocate
admire	adjoin
adjunct	advance

**ambi-**

(both, around)

ambidextrous	ambiguity
ambiguous	ambition
ambitious	ambivalence
ambivalent	ambient

**al-**

(chameleon form of "ad-")  
(to, toward)

allow	allowance
allege	alleviate
allied	allusion
alloy	allude
allocate	alliance
allegiance	

**an-**

**ante-**

**anti-**

**ap-**

**ante-**

(before)

antebellum	antecedent
antechamber	antedate
anteroom	antediluvian
anterior	

**an-**(chameleon form of "ad-")  
(to, toward)

announce	annihilate
annex	annuity
announcement	annul

**ap-**(chameleon form of "ad-")  
(to, toward)

/schwa)

/ap/

apparel	appeal	application
appear	apprehend	apparatus
appease	append	apparition
applaud	appliance	applicator
appendix	approve	
appraise	appreciate	

**anti-**

(against)

antidote	antigen
antipathy	antibody
antithesis	antisocial
antiseptic	

**as-**

**ar-**

**at-**

**be-**

**ar-**

(chameleon form of "ad-")  
(to, toward)

arrive	arrival
arrange	array
arrest	arrears

**as-**

(chameleon form of "ad-")  
(to, toward)

assail	assess
assert	assiduous
assemble	assign
assist	assault
assure	assent
associate	assume
	assistance

**be-**

(by, around, about, away)

behind	belittle
beloved	below
beneath	beseech
beset	between
beyond	

**at-**

(chameleon form of "ad-")  
(to, toward)

attention	attendance
attainment	attain
attest	attempt
attractive	attenuate
attune	attribute
attribution	attract



**co-**

**col-**

**com-**

**con-**

**col-**

(chameleon form of "con-")  
(with, together)

collect	collate
collide	collision
collude	collusion
college	collector
colleague	colinear

**con-**

(chameleon prefix)  
(with, together)

connect	convince	concern
content	contour	contrive
convoy	contrast	contempt
constant	consider	context
concrete	consist	contain
converse	convert	congress
connection	contraption	

**co-**

(chameleon form of "con-")  
(with, together)

coherence	coherent
cohesive	coincide
cooperate	co-ordination
co-exist	coincidence
coincidental	cooperative

**com-**

(chameleon form of "con-")  
(with, together)

combustion	command
combine	complete
commit	compost
commerce	complain
commence	compliment
comment	component
committee	compound

**contra-**

**cor-**

**counter-**

**de-**

**cor-**

(chameleon form of "con-")  
(with, together)

correct	corrupt
correspond	corroborate
corrode	corrosion
corridor	corruption
correction	correlation
corrosive	correctible

**contra-**

(against)

contraband  
contraception  
contradict  
contraindicate  
contravene  
contradiction

**de-**

(down, away, opposite of)

deactivate	decamp	deduct
deflate	decease	depress
decrease	debate	describe
debark	decide	detain
descend	decline	devote
destruct	defend	derive
devoid	derive	deserve
determine	deceive	dehydrate

**counter-**

(against)

counteract  
counterattack  
counterbalance  
counterfeit  
countermand  
counterclockwise  
counterpart  
counterpoint

**di-**

**dif-**

**dis-**

**em-**

**dif-**

(chameleon form of "dis-")  
(away, apart, not)

differ	different
difficult	diffident
diffraction	diffusion

**di-**

(chameleon form of "dis-")  
(away, apart, not)

digress	divulge
dimension	dilate
diverge	directive
diverse	
diminish	
dilute	
direct	

**em-**

(chameleon form of "en-")  
(in, into, make)

embattle	emblem
embrace	embankmen
employ	
empathy	
embezzle	
embroider	
empower	

**dis-**

(chameleon prefix)  
(away, apart, not)

disallow	disappear	disappoint
disapprove	disarm	disavow
discern	discharge	disclaim
disclose	disconnect	disgust
discourage	discuss	disorder
dishonest	dismiss	dissolve
disposal	dispute	distribute

**en-**

**e-**

**ef-**

**ex-**

**e-**

(chameleon form of "ex-")  
(out of, from)

event	emancipate	emaciate
emerge	editor	erosion
evaporate	elusive	eruption
eloquent	emasculate	emission
emissary	ejection	elapse
egress	educate	erasure
emigrate	education	

**ex-**

(chameleon prefix)  
(out of, from)

exceed	excel	except
exchange	excise	excite
exclaim	exclude	excess
excursion	excuse	execute
exempt	exhale	exhaust
exhibit	exist	expel
explain	explore	export

**en-**

(chameleon prefix)  
(in, into, make)

enable	encircle	enclose
encamp	encode	encompass
enact	endorse	encounter
encage	endure	enfold
engage	enhance	enjoy
enlarge	enlighten	entwine
enthusiasm	entrench	

**ef-**

(chameleon form of "ex-")  
(out of, from)

effective	effluent
efficient	effusion
effort	
efface	
effigy	
effrontery	
efficacious	



**extra-**

**for-**

**fore-**

**il-**

**for-**

(away, apart, off)

forbear  
forgive  
forbid  
forget  
forsake

**extra-**

(beyond, more than)

extracurricular  
extrapolate  
extravagant  
extralegal  
extraordinary  
extraterrestrial  
extrasensory  
extrovert

**il-**

(chameleon form of "in-")  
(in, into, not)

illegible	illogical
illegitimate	illiterate
illustrate	illuminate
illusion	illustration

**fore-**

(front part, before)

forearm	forecast
foreclose	forego
forehead	foreman
foremost	forerunner
foretell	forewarn

**intra-**

**intro-**

**ir-**

**mal-**

**intro-**

(within, in)

introduce  
introspective  
introvert  
introduction  
introspection

**intra-**

(within, inside)

intramural  
intrinsic  
intrauterine  
intravenous

**mal-**

(bad, wrong, ill)

maladjusted    malaise  
malcontent  
malfunction  
maladroit  
malediction  
malnutrition  
malformation  
maltreatment

**ir-**

(chameleon form of "in-")  
(in, into, not)

irresponsible	irreligious
irrelevant	irregular
irrational	irrevocable
irreverent	irrespective
irreparable	irreclaimable
irresolute	irresistible

**im-**

**in-**

**infra-**

**inter-**

**in-**  
(chameleon prefix)  
(in, into, not)

incorrect	infertile	inactive
inattention	inborn	inbound
inbred	incite	incidence
incision	incubate	inform
indecisive	inedible	injustice
insert	intent	invent
inflect	intend	invest

**inter-**  
(between, among)

interbreed	intercede	intercept
interchange	intercom	interfer
interject	interlude	interest
intermission	interrupt	interval
intersect	intervene	
interdependence	intermittent	
intermediate	interconnect	

**im-**  
(chameleon form of "in-")  
(in, into, not)

imbalance	immutable	impact
imbibe	immortal	impel
immaculate	immunize	impeach
immerse	immense	imperfect
immigrate	immature	implement
immovable	impale	impartial
imminent	impart	imply

**infra-**  
(below)

infrared  
infrasonic  
infrastructure

**mid-**

**mini-**

**mis-**

**non-**

**mini-**  
(small)

minibus  
minicar  
minicam  
miniskirt  
miniseries

**mid-**  
(middle)

midair	midsummer
midland	midway
midstream	midterm
midtown	midweek
midbrain	Midwest
midnight	midyear
midday	
midpoint	

**non-**  
(not)

nonactive	nonaggression
nonbeliever	nondrinker
nonsmoker	nontoxic
nonsupport	nontaxable
nonprofit	nonpayment
nonexplosive	nonfatal
nonfiction	nonalcoholic
nonexistent	nondeductible

**mis-**  
(wrong, bad)

misapply	miscast	mischief
misdeal	misdeed	miscount
misjudge	misread	misspell
misplace	mistreat	mistrust
misprint	misquote	misdirect
misbehave	misadventure	
mispronounce	misconceive	
miscalculate	misfortune	



**ob-**

**oc-**

**of-**

**omni-**

**oc-**

(chameleon form of "ob-")  
(to, toward, against)

occurrence  
occur  
occlude  
occasion  
occasionally

**omni-**

(all)

omnibus  
omniscient  
omnipotent  
omnivorous  
omnipresent

**ob-**

(chameleon prefix)  
(to, toward, against)

obdurate  
obfuscate  
obstruct  
observe  
obscure  
objective  
object

**of-**

(chameleon form of "ob-")  
(to, toward, against)

offensive  
offend  
offer  
offering

**op-**

**out-**

**over-**

**per-**

**out-**

(at, from, forth, better)

outback	outbid	outdoor
outcast	outclass	outpatient
outcry	outfit	outnumber
outfield	outlive	outspoken
outline	outwit	outward
outmoded	outcome	outstanding
outreach	outlaw	outdated

**per-**

(through, by means of)

perceive	persecute
perennial	permit
permeate	persevere
perplex	pervade
persist	perambulate
perfect	perception
perhaps	permission
perspire	perfunctory

**op-**

(chameleon form of "ob-")  
(to, toward, against)

opposition  
oppress  
oppression  
opposite  
opponent  
opportunity

**over-**

(above, beyond, too much)

overactive	overcook
overcast	overlook
overeat	overtake
overrun	overambitious
overthrow	overconfident
overload	overanxious
oversize	overabundant

**post-**

**pre-**

**pro-**

**re-**

**pre-**  
(before)

preamble	prearrange	precede
precept	precaution	precise
precipice	precognition	precinct
precursor	predict	prefix
preface	prefer	prepare
preliminary	preconceive	pretend
preposition	preserve	prewar
preposterous	prescribe	prevail

**post-**  
(after)

postdate	postmortem
posterior	postscript
postnatal	postpone
postponement	
postmeridian	

**re-**  
(again, back)

rebuild	recharge	reappoint
recur	recycle	reappear
reflect	reform	recommend
refresh	refund	reconvene
regress	rejection	remember
repel	resettle	replenish
report	retire	reside
resource	relieve	remain

**pro-**  
(before, forward, for)

procedure	proceed	produce
proficient	profane	program
pronounce	profess	procure
protect	prohibit	promote
propitiate	propose	prospect
propulsion	procure	propel
progress	profound	proclaim
procrastinate	prologue	profuse

**retro-**

**self-**

**sub-**

**suc-**

**self-**

(to or by oneself)

self-addressed	self-control
self-contained	self-esteem
self-appointed	self-starter
self-interest	self-defense
self-centered	

**retro-**

(back, backward, behind)

retroactive  
retrogress  
retrofire  
retrospect  
retrograde

**suc-**

(chameleon form of "sub-")  
(below, under)

succumb  
succinct  
success  
succor  
successful  
succession  
successor

**sub-**

(chameleon prefix)  
(below, under)

subsist	submit	subsistence
sublet	submerge	submarine
subject	subtract	submission
subway	subhuman	substandard
subdue	subnormal	substitute
	subsidize	subarctic



**suf-**

**sug-**

**sum-**

**sup-**

**sug-**

(chameleon form of "sub-")  
(below, under)

suggestion  
suggest  
suggestive  
suggestible

**suf-**

(chameleon form of "sub-")  
(below, under)

suffice  
suffer  
suffix  
sufficient  
suffuse  
suffrage

**sup-**

(chameleon form of "sub-")  
(below, under)

supplant	supply
supplicate	support
supportive	suppose
suppress	suppression
supposition	

**sum-**

(chameleon form of "sub-")  
(below, under)

summit  
summon  
summitry

**un-**

**with-**

**uni-**

**mono-**

**with-**

(against, away, back)

withdraw  
withhold  
without  
withstand

**un-**

(not, without)

unarmed unbend unbroken  
unbutton unwise uncertain  
uncover unload unlucky  
uncertain untidy unknown  
uncharted undress unequal  
unpopular unemployed  
unstructured unfortunate  
unravel uncomfortable

**mono-**  
(one)**G**

monocle	monogamy
monogram	monograph
monolingual	monolith
monologue	monomania
monophonic	monopoly
monorail	monotheism
monosyllable	monotone
monotonous	monoxide

**uni-**  
(one)**L**

unicameral	unison
unicycle	univalve
unisex	universe
unify	university
unit	unilateral
unite	uniform
union	unity
unicorn	

**bi-**

**di-**

**tri-**

**quar-**

**di-**                      **G**  
(two)

diatom  
dichotomy  
digraph  
dioxide  
dicotyledon

**bi-**                      **L**  
(two)

biannual	bicentennia
biathlon	bicameral
biceps	biconvex
biennial	bifocal
bilateral	bilingual
bimonthly	binary
bisect	bivalve
bipartisan	binocular

**quar-, quad-**      **I**  
(four)

quadrangle	quadrant
quadrasonic	quadraenni
quadrilateral	quadrille
quadruped	quadruple
quadruplet	quadruplicate
quart	quarter
quarterly	quartet

**tri-**                      **L & G**  
(three)

triad	triathlon	trilogy
triceps	tricentennial	trimester
trident	triceratops	triple
trifocal	tricolor	triplet
triennial		triplicate
		tripod
		triumvirate
		trisect

**sex-**

**hexa-**

**sept-**

**septem-**

**hepta-**

**hexa-                      G**

**(six)**

hexagon  
hexameter

**sex-                      L**

**(six)**

semester (6 months)  
sextant (6th part of circle)  
sextet

**hepta-                      G**  
**(seven)**

**sept-/septem-/sep-    L**

**(seven)**

September



**oct-**  
**octa-**

**octo-**

**novem-**

**decem-**  
**dec-**

**octo-**  
(eight)

**G**

**oct-/octa-/octo-**  
(eight)

**L**

octagon  
octave  
octet  
October  
octogenarian  
octopus  
octavo

**decem-/dec-**  
(ten)

**L**

decade  
decathlon  
December  
decibel  
decimal

**novem-**  
(nine)

**L**

November  
novena (special prayer for  
9 days)

**multi-**

**poly-**

**semi-**

**hemi-**

**poly-**                      **G**  
(many)

polyclinic	polyphony
polygamy	polytechnic
polyglot	polysyllable
polygon	polytheism
polygraph	
polymer	
Polynesia	
polyp	

**multi-**                      **L**  
(many)

multifarious	multistate
multimillionaire	multitude
multinational	multiplicand
multiple	
multiplex	
multiplication	
multiplier	
multitudinous	

**hemi-**                      **G**  
(half)

hemisphere

**semi-**                      **L**  
(half)

semiannual	semiprivate
semicircle	semiweekly
semicolon	semitropical
semiconductor	semitrailer
semiskilled	semitransparent
semifinal	
semimonthly	
semiprecious	

**quad-**

**tetra-**

**quin-**

**penta-**

**tetra-**            **G**  
(four)

tetrahedron

**quar-, quad-**    **L**  
(four)

quadrangle	quadrant
quadraphonic	quadraennial
quadrilateral	quadrille
quadruped	quadruple
quadruplet	quadruplicate
quart	quarter
quarterly	quartet

**penta-**            **G**  
(five)

pentacle  
pentagon  
pentameter  
pentathlon

**quin-**            **L**  
(five)

quintent  
quintuplet

**cent-**  
**centi-**

**milli-**

**kilo-**

**mega-**

**milli-**                      **L**  
(thousand)

millennium  
milligram  
millimeter  
millipede  
million (1000 thousands)

**centi-/cent-**                      **L**  
(hundred)

centigram  
century  
centipede  
centigrade  
centurian (leader of 100  
men)  
centimeter

**mega-**                      **G**  
(million)

megahertz  
megaton  
megaunit  
megawatt

**kilo-**                      **G**  
(thousand)

kilogram  
kilocycle  
kilometer  
kilowatt  
kilohertz



**super-**

**sur-**

**syl-**

**sym-**

**sur-**

(chameleon form of "sub-")  
(below, under)

surrogate    surreptitious

(beyond, over)

surprise	surfeit	survey
surface	surplus	surmount
surpass	surround	survive

**super-**

(above, beyond, greater than)

superabundant	supercargo
superintendent	superhuman
superimpose	supersonic
supermarket	supervise
superficial	superfluous
superlative	supercharge

**sym-****G**

(chameleon form of "syn-")  
(with, together)

symbol	symmetry
sympathy	symphony
symptom	symposium

**syl-****G**

(chameleon form of "syn-")  
(with, together)

syllable  
syllabus  
syllogism  
syllabicate

***syn-***

***sys-***

***trans-***

***ultra-***

**sys-**                      **G**  
(chameleon form of "syn-")  
(with, together)

system                      systolic  
systematic

**ultra-**  
(beyond, excessively)

ultraconservative  
ultrasound  
ultraviolet  
ultrasonic

**syn-**                      **G**  
(chameleon prefix)  
(with, together)

synagogue                  synapse      synopsis  
synchronize                syndicate    syntax  
syncopate                  synonym      syndrome  
synthesis                  synergism

**trans-**  
(across, over, through)

transaction	transcend
transcribe	transfer
transform	transfuse
transgress	transistor
translucent	transmission
transmit	transparent
transpire	transport
transverse	transcription